

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 30, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Pat Lazeren

Leader: We gather together, centered in the promises of God,

People: Caught in the embrace of grace,

Leader: Lifted up by stories of faith,

People: Welcomed into the house of blessing.

Leader: We gather together in love and in faith

People: To worship and serve our God.

*OPENING HYMN #276 "We Gather Together"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

We come together in your presence, O God, to think again about your love for the world as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our spiritual eyes that we may see more clearly and respond more fully to your gentle, guiding hand. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-6

1 Peter 5: 1-5

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #453 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

COMMISSIONING OUR INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

We, the members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, United Church of Christ, receive Joanne as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the work of the church and to give her due honor and support.

COMMISSIONING OUR SERVANT-LEADERS

We celebrate with joy this opportunity to partner with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

We bring the best we have to give, O God, and we offer it to you in love, knowing that you can use our humble gifts in mighty ways. We bring ourselves as well, O God, and offer our service in love, trusting that you will work through us to give yourself to the world. Bless the gifts we bring and the work we do in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #490 "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Betty Worden; Mason Bower, Michelle and Dave Bower's grandson, dealing with undiagnosed health issues; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Gregg Moffatt; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft, friend of Marilyn and Al Newton; Irene Wasco; Jan Peacock; Muriel Schiebel; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; the Search Committee; Margaret Klukas' sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses, cousin of the Hockenberrys; Jim Anderson, friend of Bob Shoemaker; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher; Marine Corps Lance Corporal Steven Carr and his wife, Angel Hockenberry Carr; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; Libby Ann Parker; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Dick Saich; Mike Swan; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Mayhew; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

New additions in bold print

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON!

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will encounter God here,
experience the love God showed the world in Jesus,
and be inspired to share that love with the world.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Table.
There you will find a guestbook to sign and a welcome gift to take home with you.
Let us know if we can be of service to you in any way, and come back again soon!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Search Committee: Wednesday, July 3, 6:30 PM, Library

Independence Day: Thursday, July 4. The Church Office is closed.

Support Group: Friday, July 5, 10:30 AM, Library

Summer Coffee Hour Schedule

Jul 7 Women's Fellowship
Jul 14 Ways and Means
Jul 21 Stewardship and Evangelism
Jul 28 Board of Trustees
Aug 4 Board of Missions
Aug 11 Board of Deacons
Aug 18 Board of Christian Education and TPC
Aug 25 Flower and Ushering Committees
Sept 1 Board of Finance

There is space available on the **Flower Chart** for anyone wishing to have flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Consider sharing flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the chart located in the Narthex.

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3 years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

Jars Needed by Women's Fellowship for a craft project they are working on. Any size from baby food to pickle, tomato sauce or mason jars (old or used are great - not for food) are needed. Lids are needed, also but we can do some crafts without lids. Donations will be gratefully accepted until July 22.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A deposit of \$56.50 is required. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066.

A **Crib Room** is available upstairs near the balcony for **parents with infants up to 12 months of age** where the worship service can be heard via intercom. A staffed **Toddler Room** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**